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1. What was the fear of many people in the U.S. concerning the economy follwing WII?
2. What was the Taft-Hartley Act that was passed over Truman’s veto in 1949?
3. What were the steps that the Democratic Administration under Truman took to forestall an economic downturn and a possible return to depression times following the war?
4. What did the GI Bill of Rights do?
5. Describe the effects of the postwar prosperity on the middle class and women.
6. What propelled the unprecedented economic post war economic explosion?
7. What was happening to the nuclear family in the 1950s? 1960s? What was the link between an advice book like Dr. Spock’s and what was happening to the family?
8. What was the Sun Belt and what was notable about its growth?
9. What encouraged “white flight” to the suburbs?
10. What occurred as a result of the “white flight”?
11. What was the impact of society of the baby boom?
12. What agreements were made at the Yalta Conference in February of 1945?
13. What move by both sides, after the war, made the U.S. and the USSR even more bitter enemies?
14. What happened at the Bretton Woods meeting in New Hampshire in 1944?
15. What was the one blatant failure of the U.N.? What was Bernard Baruch’s plan?
16. When the western nations decided to unify their part of Germany, what was Stalin’s response? What did Truman do to foil Stalin’s attempt to take West Berlin?
17. What was the “containment doctrine” formulated by diplomat George Kennan?
18. What was the Truman Doctrine?
19. What was the Marshall Plan?
20. What did the National Security Act of 1947 do?
21. What was NATO and why was it formed?
22. What happened in Japan after the war?
23. What happened to China after the war?
24. What disappointing news did the U.S. receive in September of 1949?
25. How did Truman respond to the news?
26. What was the Smith Act of 1940?
27. What was HUAC and what did it attempt to do?
28. What was miraculous about Truman’s victory over Dewey in 1948?
29. What was the Point Four program? The Fair Deal?
30. What was the importance of NSC-68?

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1. Why were the prospects not good for the Democratic Party in the 1952 election?
2. Why did Eisenhower select Nixon as his running mate in 1952?
3. When Nixon was accused of keeping a slush fund and Eisenhower was thinking of dropping him from the ticket, how did Nixon save himself?
4. What potential for politics did the television demonstrate?
5. What was Eisenhower’s stand on the Korean War during his candidacy fro the presidency in 1952?
6. Although Communism had been contained in Korea, what was disappointing about the end of the war?
7. What did Eisenhower feel was his greatest asset as President?
8. Who was Senator Joe McCarthy? What did he do? How was he able to get away with it for so long?
9. What damage did McCarthy do to the state department?
10. Why did African Americans become more militant after 1945?
11. What methods were used during the Civil Rights movement to overturn Jim Crow laws?
12. What happened in Montgomery, Alabama in 1954?
13. Why were African Americans compelled to turn to the Supreme Court in the 1950s to advance Civil Rights?
14. How could Southerners get away with murdering WWII veterans who stood up for their rights in 1946 or Emmett Till in 1954?
15. What was Truman’s response to the lynching of black military veterans in the South?
16. What did the court rule in Brown v Board of Education?
17. What was the Southern response to court ordered integration under the Brown decision?
18. Ike criticized the Court’s Brown decision and did not believe “that prejudices, even palpably unjustifiable prejudices, will succumb to compulsion.” How was he forced to act in September of 1957 that went against his beliefs?
19. What organization did MLK take advantage of when he formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957?
20. What black organization grew out of the sit-in movement?
21. What did Eisenhower mean by “dynamic conservation”?
22. How did Eisenhower change tribal organization of American Indians?
23. What promise did Eisenhower’s Secretary of State John Foster Dulles make on taking his position?
24. What was the Bracero Program?
25. How did Eisenhower respond to the Social Security Act?
26. What was Eisenhower’s “New Look” foreign policy?
27. What happened in Hungary in 1956?
28. What was decided at the 1955 Geneva Conference?
29. How was the CIA active in Latin America and the Middle East in the 1950s?
30. What was the Eisenhower Doctrine?
31. What was the U-2 spy plane incident in 1960?
32. By the end of the 1950s, why was Latin American hatred toward the U.S. reaching a crescendo?
33. How close was the 1960 election? Why did Kennedy win?
34. What was happening to the U.S. workforce in the 1950s?
35. What were the changes in the job market in the 1950s?
36. How did sports reflect the population changes in the job market of the 1950s?
37. Why were some people critical of the new consumerism of the 1950s?
38. How can we account for the rapid upsurge in the unemployment of women since 1945?
39. What did Betty Freidan expose in her book, *The Feminine Mystique?*